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Tamper Resistant Prescription Pad

The Department of Healthcare and Family Services has proposed amendments to the Illinois Administrative Code to implement changes in federal law requiring all non-electronic prescriptions to be written on tamper-resistant prescription pads. If such a prescription is not on a tamper-resistant prescription pad, it will not be eligible for reimbursement under Medicaid. Non-electronic prescriptions are prescriptions that are not transmitted from the prescriber to the pharmacy through electronic devices such as a telephone, telefax, or an electronic prescribing instrument.

This proposed amendment defines a prescriber as “any person who, within the scope of his or her professional licensing requirements, may prescribe or dispense drugs.” The prescription form will need to have one of the following items to identify the prescriber:

- Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Number
- National Provider Identifier (NPI)
- Medical Assistance Program Provider Number
- Illinois State License Number

In addition, the prescription form will need to have all of the following characteristics:

- One or more industry-recognized features designed to prevent unauthorized copying of a completed or blank form
- One or more industry-recognized features to prevent the erasure or modification of information written on the prescription by the prescriber
- One or more industry-recognized features designed to prevent the use of counterfeit prescription forms

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